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1. FDA LABELING REGULATIONS FOR FABRICATED FOODS REQUIRE LISTING OF INGREDIENTS BY COMMON OR USUAL NAME WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC TYPE OF ANIMAL FAT IF PRESENT AS SHORTENING. VEGETABLE OILS AS INGREDIENTS IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS NEED NOT BE SPECIFIED BY CLASS (CORN OIL, SOYA BEAN OIL, ETC.) UNDER EXISTING REGULATIONS BUT LATTER ARE NOW UNDER STUDY FOR POSSIBLE REVISION.

2. THE ONLY HYDROGENATED VEGETABLE FAT PRODUCT STANDARDIZED BY FDA IS MARGARINE. FDA REGULATIONS FOR FOOD LABELING, AND IDENTITY STANDARD FOR MARGARINE, AMONG OTHERS, ARE INCLUDED IN VOLUMES I AND II OF CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21. COPIES OF 1975 REVISION WILL BE AIRMAILED WHEN RECEIVED. ALSO BOOKLET OF FDA GENERAL REQUIREMETNS AND COPY OF USDA SPECIFICATIONS FOR EDIBLE ANIMAL FATS WILL BE INCLUDED.

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